TOMBSTONES NOT INJURED

Headstones Over the Graves of Chinese Smeared With Melted Wax.

The Supposed Vandalism of Mischief Makers Explained as a Celestial Custom - How the Ceremonies Were Carried on for Several Years.

A custom, hardly prescribed by orthodox Celestial burial rites, but followed by the Chinese of Washington, is responsible for complaint being made to the Commissioners of desecration of the graves of Mongolians buried in Congressional Cemetery. Investigation of the matter shows that it is the countrymen of the Chinese buried in the cemetery who are responsible for the discolored tombstones responsible for the discolored tombstones over sixteen graves. Workmen employed in the grounds for years past state that during the past two years the stone over the grave of a recently buried Chinaman has been discolored within a day or so deted. has been discolored within a day or so dered. of interment by Chinamen who come to the cemetery and place sticks of wax on the headstones. The rays of even a faint sun melt the wax, which drips over the white surface of the slab, which in consequence soon presents a badly mutilated

About six weeks ago a Chinaman influential among his people in this city buried | G. A. Camp in the chair, and C. A. Hara relative at Congressional Cemetery. In two days the newly erected headstone number of citizens of the suburb were was marred as others had been. He complained to American friends, but did not amount of lasiness was discussed and volunteer the information that his countrymen were in the habit of doing the act. The small boy was blamed for the mittee on Sanitation, offered the followvandalism and the municipal authorities ing report, which was unanimously

The superintendent of the cemetery, John T. Earnshaw, and a number of em- Sanitation the only question looking to pleyes told a Times reporter yesterday the sanitary condition of this naturally that the headstones were always muti- healthful vicinity which your committee lated by Chinese. Mr. Eurashaw does | deems at present to be of public interest not allow small boys in the grounds. The is that of sewerage, and we would sugdefacement is too consistent for the work gest that the association recommend to of a mischlevous boy. The ground is not and urge upon the Commissioners of the disturbed and the process of applying the District the necessity, from a sanitary wax was evidently the same in all cases, standpoint, of having sewers laid in the The Chinese whose relatives, mostly laun- streets of Brookland where none now exdrymen ad storckeepers, are buried ist or have been ordered, especially in there sa 'tile o' the matter. In fact, the streets of South Brookland, which they show no feeling at all and appar-ently accept it as inevitable. Section is entirely without this requisite to a healthful community. The impor-

The graves of the Chinese, sixteen in tance of this question cannot be too number, are in a group in the lower part strongly presented to your body, and it of the cometery, not far from the East- is a cause which should enlist the supern Branch and near a section set aside port of every resident of Brockland." for soldiers of the Marine Corps. The A. F. Kinnan, Chairman of the Commitfirst Chinaman was buried in Congres- tee on Mail Facilities, submitted a regional about 1894 in another part of the port, in which he said that everything grounds.

The grave was never inclusted nor were and vicinity is at present in a most guy of those buried near the river until satisfactory condition. Few complaints a time about eighteen months or two have been made, he said, and these have years ago. At that time there were about been purely local and individual. There twelve graves. One day a large number are at present two carriers on the route. of Chinamen, dressed in their best The salary of the postmistress will be clothes, came to the cometery. With them raised from \$700 to \$800 per annum on they brought large quantities of food and July 1. After considerable discussion the paid little attention to the attendants report was finally adopted as read. working about the graves. They soon Dr. William J. Holmes, Chaleman of the reached the plot of ground where were | Committee on Schools, submitted his reinterred the bones of their countrymen. port for the year ending June 1, in which The little bits of red paper marked in he recommended various improvements black which form such a seemingly in- around the school building, the lighting dispensable feature of all Chinese cele- of the basement, grading of the playbrations were scattered unitermly about grounds, and donation of books to the the mounds of turf. Joss sticks were littrary. The principal of the school exlighted and placed at the feet and heads pressed the opinion that during the next

Not a defacing mark showed at this would be necessary, but the committee time on the clear white surface of the thought this would not be sufficient, at simple marble headstones which were in- the present rate of increase in number of scribed with Chinese letters, evidently pupils, giving the names of the persons buried. The and the Chinese provinces from which new building be erected in the immediate

Sticks of wax were produced. The for this purpose Congress be urged to members of the party approached the purchase the lots adjoining the playheadstones. In the end of each stick of grounds on the east and south. It was wax was a short wooden stick, which was placed on the top of the headstone weighted with a stone in such a manner that the wax protruded over the edge of the slab. It did not take long for the sun to melt the compound. The curious workmen on the adjacent slopes of the cemetery ground thought little of the cemetery ground the cemeter where the cemeter was also recommended that the player was also recommended that the matter. They supposed it was some curious celebration by the Chinese in honor of their dead, whom, next to their ancestors, they accord the most and the

After the delegation left the cemetery a grave-digger passing by the resting place of the former citizens of the Flowery of wax. When a bit was scratched off with a finger it proved almost as indelible as india ink. The matter was referred to the man then acting as superintendent of the cemetery. Owing perhaps to a desire not to meside in matters of religion or ritual of a strange people nothing was

tors of the cemeter was walking through the grounds and follows the condition of the headacones. He enquired as to the cause. It was explained that through some custom of the Chinese the wax was tors of the consetery was waiking through the grounds and ferticed the condition of the headstones. He anchired as to the cause. It was explained that through some custom of the Chinese the wax was americal on the gravestones. The gentleman expressed the opinion that such barbarian observances should be prohibited, but was prevented by other matters from investigating it further.

Shortly afterward another Chinaman was baried there. About two days afterward two Celestials came to the geneleity for a cat. They warked to the grave of that in plans for the extension of street that in plans for the extension of street.

was buried there. About two days afterward two Celestials came to the cometery in a cab. They wasked to the grave of the Chinanan recently intered and with the usual ceremony placed the soft wax on the headstone where it was seen meltically the rays of the bright sun. It is notable fact that they seldom go to the centerry for the strange were unless the same is bright smough to easily melt the wax.

On Jamesry 1, 190, J. T. Earnshaw because experimended of the cemestery, He had observed the southaften of the headstone, and the market had been of a charter authorizing the use of said street nor the right to build a railroad thereon. It was recommended that if any legislation be had authorizing the use of the streets for railway perposes, that Fourteenth for railway perposes, that Fourteenth in the proper street running in a gortherly and southerly direction for the

mail, whose giants was branted to the same mariner about six weeks 820 s. Chimmen infinential estong the leadery man and stayers part buried a country and south road, and in no event should a charter be granted on another parts and country that it is the proper street running in a northerly and south road, and in no event should a charter be granted on another parts and south street west of Thirmen and storekeepets buried a comen at Congressional Connetory. At the couring ston of the energy he approached Mr. Earnshaw. Long let the boys mark up the grave he requested. Mr. Earnshaw had been led to believe that the defacement was the work of Chinese. When asked if the Chinese did it, the Mossionan replied that they assuredly did not The superintendent was taken souck, and resolved to keep a watch on the grave to see in what manner and by whom it would see in what manner and by whom it would

Two days later two Chinamen entered Two days inter two mindred in the gates of the cometery. They left a short time later. The tombatone bore the marks of an application of the same wax which marr. I the beauty of the other grones, and which despite the rains of

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any appreciable extent. o any appreciable extent.

On Memorial Day a number of people iterested in the several Chinese Sunday chools of the city visited the graves of the Celestials, where their feelings were used at the sight of the mutilated istones. As a result a gentleman of m the influential citizen of Chinatown

as an acquainfance addressed a com-nint to the Commissioners. Just why the Chinese discolor the headnes of their graves is not known. he knowledge of an undertaker who has he patronage of most of the Chinese, it was never done until two years ago. The se themselves, reticent on nearly ry subject, are more so than usua on questioned regarding this strange tom. It may be the work of rival fac-At any rate, the only objection made by Chinamen so far as is gen-known is that made by the influential Mongolian about six weeks ago. He stated at the time that the reason he made the objection was because he was a Christian and desired his kinsmen to ave a Christian burial.
It is probable that the matter will come before long to the attention of those in

Suburb Considered.

F. Davidson, as Chairman of the Com-

"At a meeting of the Committee on

relating to the mail service in Brookland

year an additional four-room building

The committee recommended that the

vicinity of the present building, and that

ment during the next fiscal year the fol-lowing streets: Fourth Street, Dover Street, from Tenth to Fourteenth Streets;

Fourteenth Street, from Dover to Frank-fort Streets; Concord Street, from Sev-enth to Tenth Streets; Austin Street grad-

ing, so that the crossing on Twelfth Street will be free from mud after a storm; Rhode Island Avenue, special appropriation to open from Fourth Street northeast; Lowell Street Bridge, over the Baltimore and Ohio Raffroad tracks; Twelfth Street,

resurfacing from Austin to Dover Streets. For all the streets a special appropria-tion of at least \$5,000 for the planting and

adopted to open, grade, gravel, and regu-late either Dover, Concord, or Galveston

northerly and southerly direction for the location of such road, and in no event should a charter be granted on another

The Committee on Parks and Parking recommended that urgent effort be made to have the Commissioners set aside to the credit of Grookland as large a por-

ther as possible of the public money available for trees, and that trees be set out wherever the sidewalks have been com-

unanimously passed expressing the thanks of the association to A. P. Kinnar for his exruest and uncressful work in behalf of the location of the gulored schools. A number of small bills for sundry expenses were ordered paid.

The meeting adjourned until the first

TO ANSWER IN COURT.

A Young Colored Woman Suspected

Ada Cross, a colored woman, aged

twenty-four years, is under arrest at the

Sixth precinct station, because suspicior

attaches to her in connection with the

theft of a valuable ring and a purse con-

taining \$25 in each from the home of I.

C Cole a balliff of the Police Court, at

Detectives Horne and Flather had

been looking for the prisoner, who is said

complaint was made last week by Mr.

Cale that his home had been entered and

pocketbook taken from a bedroom, be

sides a ring. Enquiry developed the fact that a colored woman had called the day of the robbery and had been left alone by the servant while the latter attended to several duties about the house. Shortly

after the strange woman left the robbery

to have spent some time in the peniten tiary for alleged ropbery, for several days.

of Taking a Ring and Money.

Friday in September.

39 C Street northwest.

BROOKLAND CITIZENS MEET. Downs had been away from home since Many Subjects of Interest to That A largely attended meeting of the Brookland Citizens' Association was held despondent for some days past, probably the story in the St. Louis paper. in Brookland Town Hall last night with baugh in charge of the minutes. A large

John A. Downs Mysteriously Dis-

appears From a River Boat.

A coat, hat, and cane, belonging to

Charles Macalester, as it was about to

Head. No other conclusion seems possible

Nobody saw Downs jump or fall, as he spent his time on the lower deck of the steamer, while the crowd was mostly scattered on the upper deck. The man was seen on the boat shortly before he disappeared, both by passengers and by laptain Blake, with whom Downs was atimately acquainted.

The Macalester was nearing Marshall Hall landing when a passenger sought out Captain Blake and told him of the telfale hat, coat, and cane which were lying on a chair at the stern of the steamer, on the right hand side. No time was lost in naking an enquiry and a search of the ckets of the coat disclosed a card bearig the name of "John Downs, 214 I Street outheast." Captain Blake knew Downs was aboard the steamer, as he had talked with him half an hour before. Just before the Macalester reached Glymont, on the on a chair, with his back against the wheel house. The captain stopped and talked with his friend, whom he had

thown for years.
On finding the coat and card passengers was found who could throw any on the mystery of the missing man, dy had seen Downs leave his seat, at Downs had gone to the water cool-Glymont was passed, but had re-d and scated himself against the heel house, as before. Failing to learn anything of Downs the

teamer proceeded to Washington, after brief stop at Marshall Hall. On its ar want Dunnigen, of the Fourth precinc tation, who was at the wharf, and gav coat, hat, and cane, supposed to Downs. Captain Blake told also

He was unmarried; and was sixty-nine Captain Blake, of the Macalester, when

seen after midnight by a reporter, stated that he knew Downs very intimately. He had seen Downs aboard his steamer last night and had talked with him.

"Half an hour before his disappearance "Half an hour before his disappearance was reported to me," said Captain Blake, "I chatted with him beside the wheel-house of my steamer. He appeared perfectly sane and in his usual spirits. No sign of any intention to harm himself was apparent to me. I was both shocked and surprised to learn that he had disappeared. The steamer was not stopped when I learned of the accident because it was useless to do so. Too much time had elansed after Downs had disappeared, and elapsed after Downs had disappeared, and it no fell into the river at all he must have long before met death." Downs was a Mason, a member of Washington Commandery and Harmony Lodge. He was well known in the South-eastern section of the city.

NORTHWEST CITIZENS MEET. A Review of the Work Accomplished

The Northwest Citizens' Association held its regular monthly meeting last night at the Masonic Temple in Tenlcytown. C. C. Lancaster presided, and sixeen members were present. Mr. Lan aster read his report for the past year howing the work done by the organiza ion. The report enumerated the follow ng appropriations, which have been se ured, the work to be begun July 1: Sewers-For continuation of the work n the Arizona Avenue sewer, \$55,000.

Construction of county roads-For Conecticut Avenue, west of Rock Creek, rading and macadamizing, \$10,000; for ebraska Avenue, grading and macada nizing, \$4,500; for Joliet Street, Wisconsid Avenue to Tunlaw Road, grading and egulating, \$19,600; for current work of epairs of county roads and suburban treets, the sum of \$50,000, which is an nerease over last year's appropriation of \$20,000. The association recommended h detail an increase of \$63,500. It was du dmost entirely to its efforts that the thove increase was secured, and the sacciation believes the Northwest section to be fairly entitled to one-half of the um appropriated, amounting to \$40,000.

Lighting-An appropriation was mad ed, from Chapel Road to the Distri-886; on Pierce Mill Road, from Cofleut Avenue to the Branch Road, \$100 Albermarie Street, from Connection age to Grant Road, \$400; on Nebrasko venue, from Wisconsin Avenue to New-rk Street, \$690, on Belt Road, from Ten-eytown to the District line, \$600; on the fiver Road, from Tenleytown to the Dis-

Bridges—For completing the construc-ion of a bridge across Rock Creek on th-line of Massachusetts Avenue extended 20.000 toward the construction of a bridge cross Rock Creek on the line of Connecti-nt Avenue extended, \$75,000.

Public schools—For purchasing of lot djoining Tenleytown School, \$1,500.

Metropolitan Police—For the purchase

Metropolitan Police—For the purchase station in Tenleytown or vicinity, \$6,500 station in Tenleytown or vicinity, \$6,500 Fire-alarm boxes—For are-alarm telegraph and police telephone service, including fire-alarm boxes, an appropriation was made of \$8,000, being an increase of \$2,000 over last year. The association of \$1,200 for six fire-alarm boxes, to be located in this section, and out of this increase the Commissioners have ordered crease the Commissioners have ordere merease the Commissioners have ordered four boxes to be located, after July 1, as follows: On Wisconsin Avenue, near Eric Street; on Wisconsin Avenue and Felt Road; on Grant Road and South Street, and on Wisconsin Avenue and Pierce Mill Road, costing \$965.

The balance of the report dealt with mprovements recommended, including a elephone service for Tenleytown and the widening of Wisconsin Avenue.

The election of officers for the coming year followed. C. C. Lancaster was rejected president, and the other officers will also continue to zerve, being unanimously re-elected.

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vis discovered. Yesterday the Cross woman was iden-Yesterday the Cross woman was iden-cified by the servant at the Cole home as the woman who was at the house last week asking for employment. The ac-cused denies knowledge of the theft, but the police believe the circumstances are against her. She will be arraigned today in court.

DROWNED IN THE POTOMAC A STORY FROM ST. LOUIS. Local Police Hear of a Mrs. Boning

Who Operated There. A story comes from St. Louis, Mo., of the doings there last August of a Mrs. Ida Bonine, who some believe may be no other than the prisoner now confined at the District jail, held responsible for the His Hat, Cont. and Cane Found on death of James Seymour Ayers, on the the Lower Deck of the Macalester morning of May 15, at the Kenmore Hotel. As published in a St. Louis paper, one Near the Stern-Had Been De-Mrs. Bonine was involved last summer in spondent Over Lack of Work. a worthiess transaction. It is said the police of that city are investigating the ohn A. Downs, whose home is with his story in the case at the request of the ophew, James N. Tindall, of 214 I Street local authorities, who hope to identify outheast, were found last night on a the alleged slayer of Ayers as the woman thair on the lower deck of the steamer | known in the annals of the Western city. As the tale is wafted from the West, a nake the landing at Marshall Hall, Md., woman, small of stature, with a resolute on the trip up the river from Indian face, appeared in St. Louis early in August last year, and was seen once or twice than that Downs jumped or possibly fell in the company of one Dr. H. Gerhart, from the deck of the steamer, and his whose acquaintance in that city was body is now at the bottom of the Po- somewhat limited. On August 4 a check omac. It is known he was aboard the was drawn by somebody on the Continenboat after the turn at Indian Head for tal National Bank, corner of Third and the up trip was made, and, likewise, it is Olive Streets, St. Louis, for \$5, signed by ertain he did not return to his home in and payable to the order of Mrs. Ida Bonine. The back of the check bore the endorsement of the maker of the paper, Thursday forenoon, and his absence was and of Dr. H. Gerhart as well. Indirectly, nexplained, according to his nephew. It is said, this Mrs. Bonine figured, therewho was seen last night. Mr. Tindall was fore, in the utterance of this check, which under the Impression his uncle had been afterward proved worthless, according to

ecause of financial matters and lack of A saloon keeper named John A. Piper, uitable employment. This fact more than whose place of business is at 3304 Meraany other leads some to the belief that | mec Street, St. Louis, was among those Downs may have juriled overboard as who knew Dr. Gerhart casually. Dr. Gerpresent during the meeting, and a great | the Macalester steamed up the river last | hart sauntered into the saloon of Piper on the afternoon of August 5 last, and asked the proprietor to cash a small check for him. Piper said afterward that he hesitated at first, because he knew. Dr. Gerhart only slightly, but on being assured the check was all right, he agreed to, and did cash it. Shortly afterward Dr. Gerhart went out of the place, having thanked Piper, who watched him walk slowly down the street with a woman. This woman was small, and now it has occurred to Piper that she looked much like pictures he has seen in various news-papers of Mrs. Bonine, who is in jail here. However this may be, Piper soon found that the check for \$5 was worth-less, it is said, but as he did not again see Dr. Gerhart, he finally forgot about

he matter.

When word of the killing of Ayers cached St. Louis, however, Piper read in the papers about Mrs. Ida Bonine. He was attracted by the name, and finally recalled the circumstances of his check ransaction with a woman of similar name. So impressed was he that he told the St. Louis realize about it and in turn. St. Louis police about it, and, in turn, local authorities learned of the mat-

in the District tall Mrs. L. I. Bonine r children. She talks very little about r case. Mrs. Bonine eats well, and the l confinement does not appear to tell rother visit her daily.

RATINGS FOR WAR VESSELS. A System of Classification by Dis

placement Adopted. President McKinley signed an order yes terday carrying out the provisions of of naval vessels. Ever since the nav.

of the circumstances surrounding the disappearance of Downs, and a report was made at a late hour to Headquarters.

The police notified friends of Downs of his disappearance. Mr. Tindall, nephew af Downs, was seen late last night by a reporter and said: "I do not know how to secount for my uncle's death, if he is dead. He was despondent yesterday, and did not return home last night at all. For several months he has not been satisfactory for the classification has been by the number of guns' carried, a proper rating when guns' determined the character of the vessel. In those days of 71's and old wooden ships with several tiers of gun decks, no vessel carrying less than fifty guns in its main battery was a first-rater. Nowadays, with powers a first-rater. Nowadays, with powers of the control of the character of the control of the character of the vessel. In those days of 71's and old wooden ships with several tiers of gun decks, no vessel carrying less than fifty guns in its main battery was a first-rater. Nowadays, with powers of the control of the character of the vessel. In those days of 71's and old wooden ships with several tiers of gun decks, no vessel carrying less than fifty guns in its main battery was a first-rater. was established the classification has been everal months he has not been satisfac- erful breech-loading rifles, armored tur rets, and armored sides the blegest but ticship does not carry Half so many gun Mr. Tindall said his uncle was born in | in the main battery, and many large ship te bouse in which he was then living, have not half that number in main and had resided in Washington all his life. secondary patteries combined. For year the Navy Department tried to secure reclassification, but Congress was indif ferent, and it was not until the last session that a rerating bill was passed

The new classification is by displace ment, or the weight of water in tons displaced by the ship. There are four new ratings and ships of certain types are not to be rated. The unrated class consists of tornedo boat destroyers, torpedo boats tugs, salling ships, and receiving ships The regular ratings are as follows: First rate, men-of-war only of 8,000 tons an above; second rate, men-of-war of 4.00 tons and under 8,000 tons, and converted and auxiliary vessels of 6,000 tons and above, except colliers, refrigerating ships distilling ships, tank steamers, repair ships, hospital ships, and other vessel for special purposes; third rate, men-of war of 1,000 to 6,000 tons and colliers, refrigerating ships, etc.; fourth rate, all other vessels except those unrated.
Under the new classification the battle-ship Texas, of 6,300 tons displacement, be-comes a vessel of the second rate. All other armored ships except monitors are

a displacement of 8,480 tons.

The big commerce destroyers Columbia and Minneapolis will be of the second rate, with a displacement of 7,476 tons. Admiral Dewey's famous flagship, the protected cruiser Olympia, with 5,800 tons displacement, is also of the second rate. Under the old classification the Columbia, with the columbia. Inder the old classification the Columbia, he Minneapolis, the Texas, the Puritan, he Olympia, and the Chicago were first laters. The Puritan, a monitor of 6,000 ons, and the Chicago, a protected cruiser of 5,000 tons, become second raters. The President's order also designated the commands to which officers of the several grades are entitled. A rear admiral in well as the Admiral may command a fleet.

AN OLD SOLDIER DROWNED. Got Beyond His Depth While Bath-

An old soldier named James H. DeLacey, whose home is at 724 Whitney Aveue northwest, was drowned late yesterthy afternoon while bathing in the Poomac at the south end of the Aqueduct Bridge. His body was recovered an hour after the accident and removed to the

William King, a pensioner, accompanied DeLacey yesterday when the latter met leath in the river. Both men were inexicated, it is said, and to this cause nore than any other is assigned the cause of the accident. King and Delacey went ever the river shortly before 6 o'clock and were soon disrobed and in the water. De-Lacey is said to have been almost helpess from the effects of liquor and he soon waded out beyond his depth, apparently without thought of his danger.

King is said to have shouted to him to top, but DeLacey heeded not. Instead he washed about for a moment and then fell swashed about for a moment and then fell and disappeared beneath the water. He rose ones to the surface and seemed to make an effort to swin, but almost immediately sank again. King had sense enough to shout for assistance after leaving the water. James Faulkner, living near Thirty-fourth and M. Streets northwest, was standing near the south end of the bridge at the time and he hurried to the edge of the water, where a boat was

secured. By this time, however, DeLacey had gone down.

A search was begun at once for the body of the old soldier, which was recovered by Faulkner after 6 o'clock. The remains were towed across the river to Tenney's wharf, at the foot of Thirty-fifth Street northwest, and later sent to the morgue in the Seventh precinct patrol wagon. Coroner Nevitt was notified and will give a certificate of accidental death this morning. The Seventh precinct police took King into custody when he reached Georgetown, and he spent last night in a cell at the station, charged with being drunk. He was not able to make a statement last night because of his condition.

DeLacey was fifty-five years of age. He enlisted in the Seventeenth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry during the last year of the civil war and serves several months. For a number of years he has been the setty near the Soldlers. Home

thind by the servant at the Cole home as the woman who was at the house last week asking for employment. The accused denies knowledge of the theft, but the police believe the circumstances are against her. She will be arraigned today in court.

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CLAIMS FILED BY STATES

Sums Spent Equipping Troops for the Conflict With Spain.

Delays in Adjustment Caused by Rules Governing the Department-Settlement in the Near Future Probable-Partial Payments Made.

The War Department will in a few weeks issue a statement of the claims of the various States and Territories against the United States Government for expenses incurred in equipping volunteer regiments for service in the Spanish war Most of these claims have been paid and but little remains unadjusted.

According to Frederick E. Rittman, Aulitor for the War Department, these claims would have been settled long ago f the rules governing the department had been more strictly followed by the State and Territorial authorities. As it is, many claim items remain to be investigated be fore they can be recognized and properly

The total amount of claims filed is \$8,801,927.82, of which \$4,977,889.76 has been allowed and paid, leaving \$5,824,028.06 still

"The department has been delayed in ettling these claims," said Mr. Rittman, on account of the irregular methods employed by the State authorities in making the expenditures for equipping their volunteers. When the war with Spain broke out there was more or less confusion, due to the necessity for getting men to the front as quickly as possible. The hurry and bustle incidental to the work the State authorities had to do, in many instances, resulted in more or less confu sion and irregularity which would not be possible under the strict rules which gov ern the War Department.

"in a great undertaking such as preparing for a war, especially when hostilities have already began, exact rules of procedure, or 'red tape,' as some might call it, cannot always be followed, and more or less loose methods are employed to obtain the results sought with the least estble delay

"The War Department has its methods by which it can meet all possible exigencies with no unnecessary delay, but with the States it is not niways possible to hold them to our rules, and as soon as an item of a claim has been vouched for by authority, even if it does not come to us in the regular way, it is generally allowed and subsequently paid, but these irregularities involve a great deal of work upon the department and it takes a good deal of time to straighten them out.

The following is a list of the States and Territories which have filed claims, the amounts allowed and paid by the War Department, and the balance of claims awaiting adjustment:

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	Colorado	40,144,47	22,774 41	26,379.06
B.	Connecticut	175,645 86	92,445 05	133,002 41
y.	Delaware	26,277,93	24,601 30	4,226 51
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s /	Maine	87,444 47	25,051 07	20,686.67
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	Mamachinette	448,210.34	27,075 72	410,243 62
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	Nevada	6,912 97	5,410 42	769 80
	New Hampshire.	58,780 02	58,152 48	5,627 54
1	New Jersey	340,155,92	145,317 20	200,038 12
	New York	103.852 00	235,082 27	585,760 63
	North Carolina	20,817 14	20,610 62	9,506 53
	North Dakota	12.041 68	11,248 08	793.00
	Ohio	500,505 34	411,692 47	91,512 87
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t	Pennsylvania	412,751,66	305,285 77	107,468 80
8 :	Rhode Island	200,520 54	63,766 (6)	142,757 94
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r:	Arizona	2.492 37	2,570 87	59 50
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TWO BOYS IN TROUBLE.

Charged With Stealing 200 Car Tickets From a Conductor. Samuel Gordon and Wilson Comfort, two small colored boys, were arrested and

locked up at the Ninth precinct station last night by Precinct Detective Johnson charged with the larceny of 200 car tickets from Cayton Curtis, a conductor on the Filtreet line of the Metropolitan branch the Washington Traction and Electric

The boys, it is said, are members of an organized gaing who habitually loiter in he vicinity of the car barns, in the case. The boys arrested had endeaved to sell some of the tickets, and has made was informed of their actions, d they were at once taken into cus-

The Gordon boy was released, a deposit of \$10 being made by his purents for his appearance in court this morning. The Comfort boy was taken to the House of Detention, where he will stay until he is brought into court this morning.

THE GRAND JURY'S ENQUIRY. The Hearing of Testimony in the Ayers Case Continued.

With a view to concluding the investigion of the circumstances surrounding he killing of James Seymour Ayers, Ir., it the Kenmore Hote! on May 15 last, the grand jury will continue the enquiry today. From the very nature of the case the progress is slow, but taking everything into consideration the investigation is being carried on as rapidly as is pracicable under the circumstances.

Only three witnesses were called to testify before the jury yesterday, and two
of these had previously given evidence in
the case. Soon after the morning session
was begun Deputy Coroner Glazebrook
was called to testify in reference to matters which were not enquired into on
Thursday. Dr. Schaeffer, who made a
chemical analysis of the blood stains
found in the room in which Ayers was
killed, and in other parts of the Kenmore
Hotel, was also recalled to testify.
The only witness who testified yesterdiy who had not previously been called
before the jury was William Hargrove,
who is employed as a waiter at the hotel
where the tragedy occurred. It is exstify before the jury yesterday, and two

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estify before the jury today are persons
ho were residing at the Kenmore at the

THE REVISION OF THE CODE. The Bar Association's Committee to Begin Its Work Monday,

The Committee on Legislation of the Vashington Har Association, with Judges Bradley and Baraard and ex-Justice Cole, will on Monday begin to hold daily somsions for the purpose of making a final revision of the code. They will prepare such amendments as they deem essential to be submitted to Congress when it meets in December, so that that body

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TROLLEY BAGGAGE CARS.

A New Delivery System to Be Introduced in New York. NEW YORK, June 7.-Henry Sanderson, President of the New York Electric Vehicle and Transportation Company, has FOR SALE-Patented flag device; model can be iced that a new system will soon be effected by the insystem will soon be effected by the in-stallation of electric trolley baggage cars, which will be run over the lines of the Metropolitan Street Rallway, in Manhattan and the Bronx. In the course of time the baggage cars will probably run over

the bridge and into Brookiya and Queens Arrangements were completed yesterday by which the transportation company ob-Metropolitan Express Company. company has a contract with the Metropolitan Street Railway Company to carry express cars over the trolley lines under conditions which shall not interfere with the regular passenger car service. Express cars will be run over the lower ave-

nues at night at a time when the various thoroughfares are not congested with A quick system of delivery of parcels from the railroad depots, department stores, and other heavy sources of supply will be devised as soon as the proper connections can be established. Mr. Sanderson said today that already ten express cars were ready to run over the trolley lines, but that they would not be installed until the organization of the new system was perfected.

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OBITUARY. A cable message from Plymouth, England, announces the death on the steamer Columbia, of the Hamburg-American Line. while on the way to Europe, of Ferdinand Mark, well known in the Jewish orders of New Orleans. He left New Orleans or May 21 and New York on May 30 for trip to Carlsbad, Germany. He was fiftyfive years old and a native of Germany he vicinity of the car barns, in the bortheastern section of the city, and when he opportunity presents itself steal unanceded thekets from the confluetors out peckets. Numerous complaints were covered from the railroad men by Lieuenant Duley, of the Ninth precinct, and a detailed Frechet Detective Johason on a detailed Frechet Detective Johason on the course. The boys arrested had endeave. lished the Ferdinand Mark Insurance Agency and became one of the best known underwriters in this country. He was for twenty-five years a member of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Orphans' Home, Touro Infirmary, Charity Hospital, Grand President of the Briat Brith, Secretary of the Teple Senai. He was also a member of the Couton Exchange, Board of Trade, Stack Exchange, and all of the Jewish clubs of the city. The only political office he ever held was

The only political office he ever held was member of the Louisiana Constitutiona Convention of 1879. Oscar P. Rose, father of Abram J. Rose, lawyer of New York City, died yester iny at his home in Elizabeth, N. J. He was born in Ulster County, N. Y., seventy-seven years ago, and lived most of his life near Poughkeepsle, where he was engaged in farming. A dozen years ago be retired, and he had since made his home in Elizabeth. One of his daughters is the William J. Kinsley, the handwrit-

Alfred Connelly, known as "Wild Cat" connelly, a Texas ploneer, aged ninety we years, died in Trenton, Tex., yester day. He was born near Bloomfield, Ky. went to Texas fifty years ago, and settled in the historic underbrush locality known as "Wild Cat Thicket." Only three other families lived in the neighborhood at the time Mr. Connelly settled there. For many years he wrote articles for the press under the nom de plume of "Whid Cat." Six children, twenty-four grandchildren, and forty-one great grandchildren survive

Mrs. Ashloy Townsend, who, under the name of Xariffa, was well known in the South as a poet, died yesterday in Galves ton, Tex. She was sixty-nine years old and a native of Lyons, N. Y. On he marriage to Gideon Townsend she moved to New Orleans in 1852 and had ever sim been a resident of New Orleans. She de been a resident of New Orleans. She de-livered the poem at the opening of the New Orleans Exposition in 1884. She was the author of several volumes of poems, the best known of which were the "Cap-tain's Story" "Down the Bayou," and "The Brownies" Clerks."

Major James F. Littlefield, sixty-nine rears old, was found dead of heart disase yesterday at his home, 476 Centra Park West, New York, where he lived with his son-in-law, G. R. Bennett, Major Littlefield retired from the banking business in Houston, Tex., last August. In the civil war Major Littlefield served in Hood's Brigade and was mentioned several times for bravery. He was a wid-

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SPECIAL NOTICE-A physical culture society for men and women will organize at Typo-graphical Temple, 425 G st. nw., tonight, at 8 o'clock. Everybody welcome to hear the music

SPECIAL NOTICES.

and speaking. PRESTON WILLIAMSON, 928 F st. nw. Room, to take appropriate action upon the death of the late Mahlon Ashford, esq. CHAPIN BROWN, President of the Bar Association. PER-CIVAL M. BROWN, Secretary.

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